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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for opening a human bladder comprising:

[[-]] an oblong member for opening the urethral sphincter, said oblong member ~~comprising means for draining~~ being configured to drain fluid from the bladder[[,]]; and

[[-]] a guide member for manipulating the oblong member, ~~wherein at least a part of the guide member being made of an elastically deformable material flexible enough to be bent into in a first configuration is bend and the guide member allows and then unfolding from said first configuration into a second configuration in which said guide member is sufficiently rigid in a longitudinal direction to be used to insert allowing for insertion of the oblong member in into a urinary tract without buckling under longitudinal pressure associated with insertion.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A The device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a cross-sectional area of a major part of the guide

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member at least in said first configuration is substantially smaller than ~~the~~ a cross-sectional area of the oblong member.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein in said second configuration ~~the~~ a cross sectional area of a major part of the guide member is smaller than ~~the~~ a cross-sectional area of the oblong member.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the guide member in said first configuration is rolled.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of the guide member in said first configuration is ~~bend~~ bent by an essentially elastic formation of said guide member.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, packed in said first configuration, wherein the guide member is adapted to unfold upon un-packaging of the device.

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7. (Currently Amended) A The device according to claim 1, wherein the guide member is made of metal or from a polymer material or from a composite material.

8. (Currently Amended) A The device according to claim 1, wherein the guide member ~~comprises~~ includes a gripping element means.

9. (Currently Amended) A The device according to claim 1, wherein the device further comprises a slack tube, the slack tube being less rigid than the oblong member.

10. (Currently Amended) A The device according to claim ~~11~~ 9, wherein the slack tube and the oblong member ~~is~~ are provided in one piece.

11. (Currently Amended) A The device according to claim 9, wherein the slack tube is longer than the guide member.

12. (Currently Amended) A The device according to claim 9, wherein the slack tube ~~comprises~~ includes a gripping element

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~~means~~ allowing the user to grip the slack tube for removing the oblong member from a urinary canal.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein at least part of the device is provided with a surface which is hydrophilic.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the oblong member is solid.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the oblong member allows storage in a bent ~~bend~~ configuration.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, further comprising a guiding device with a compartment for guiding drained urine, the guiding device being adapted to convey the oblong member from the compartment and into a urinary canal.

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17. (Currently Amended) A The device according to claim 16, further comprising a receptacle in fluid communication with the compartment of the guiding device.

18. (Currently Amended) A The device according to claim 16, further comprising a sealing ~~means~~ element to seal between the compartment and the urinary canal.

19. (Currently Amended) A The device according to claim 16, wherein the receptacle is formed ~~in~~ of a flexible material allowing manipulation of the guide member through a wall of the receptacle.

20. (New) The device according to claim 1, wherein the guide member is connected to one end of said oblong member and is in substantially linear alignment therewith.